

JEW'S FESTIVAL RECALLS BELGIUM'S DESECRATION

With the British forces gaining ground gradually in Palestine the celebration of "Hanukkah" at this time of the year takes on a double significance to the Jews and a more than passing interest to the whole world. To the world the history of the celebration is an analogy of the German attack on Belgium; to the Jews it is a reminder, a revivification, of the past and an enthusiastic hope for the near future.

"Hanukkah," which began Sunday night and lasts eight days, is known as the "Feast of Dedication," the "Feast of Macabees" or the "Festival of Lights." Though the history of the holidays is interwoven with legends its details are based on facts. When the Jews were governed by Antiochus Epiphanes, King of Syria, trouble arose over the ruler of Palestine in 168 B. C. Like a modern Kaiser Wilhelm "raping an innocent Belgium" he sent an officer, Apollonius, through the country with an armed troop, commissioned to slay and destroy. He first entered Jerusalem amicably; then suddenly turning upon the defenseless city, he murdered, plundered and burned through its length and breadth. The men were butchered; women and children sold into slavery; and in order to give permanence to the work of desolation, the walls and numerous houses were torn down.

Spirit of People Kept Up by Religion.

The "Nation of Prophets" was helpless at the unexpected onslaught; but religious fervor made up for lack of preparedness. When Antiochus entered the Temple precincts, desecrated the holy sanctuary of the Jews and then built an altar to Olympian Zeus, the spirit of the attacked people rose. When he commanded that the people should worship and sacrifice to his idol, the bonds of subjection broke. Maccabias, the Hasmonean, like King Albert of Belgium,

stood out for his just rights. Seeing one of his followers eating at the foot of the heathen shrine, the priest, with righteous indignation, ran a sword through him and cried, "Though all the nation that are under the king's dominion obey him, yet will I and my sons and my brethren walk in the covenant of our fathers."

The old man died before the struggle ended and his son, Judas Maccabeus, took the leadership. In 165 B. C. the Jews were victorious. He it was who went into the Temple and rededicated it and proclaimed the "Feast of Dedication," "Hanukkah." And ever since the holidays have been known as the "Feast of Macabees."

By Miracle Oil Lasts 8 Days.

It is a legend that gives to "Hanukkah" the beautiful ceremony of lighting candles throughout the eight days of the festival. When the Temple was to be rededicated, so the story goes, it was necessary to procure holy oil for the perpetual light that stood in front of the altar. The search in the holy edifice brought forth one small cruse of consecrated oil, sufficient to last only one day. By a miracle of God, the legend says, the flask lasted eight days when new oil was procured.

In commemoration of this legend the Jews light candles during the days of "Hanukkah." On the first day one candle is lighted; on the second day two are lighted; and on each succeeding day one more is added until the eight candles are burning at once. As the lights are considered sacred no work is done near them. Like a Christmas holiday, lasting eight days, it is a time for games, riddles and other pastimes. Gifts, Hanukkah presents, are given at this time of the year. Especially is it a season for the remembrance of the poor.

message to each home from Herbert Hoover, United States food administrator, asking that they conserve and on the reverse side further instructions for the accomplishment of increased food savings.

"While the increased savings plan in Missouri, it is of the utmost importance that every family in the state make the additional effort in the interest of conservation," the administration announcement for the state declared.

"We who have never experienced a lack or shortage of food cannot realize the importance of conserving so that our Allies—who are our own representatives in Europe by proxy—may be fed so the war can be successfully culminated. A great majority of the wars of history have been won or lost upon the basis of food and supplies, and the people of Missouri must do their share in helping to give all the material support possible to the fighting men. Every bit of food wasted is in the end an aid to the German nation by a weakening of our supplies."

To Buy Cattle for Experiment.

Prof. H. O. Allison of the animal husbandry department left last night for Kansas City, where he will buy two carloads of cattle to be used for experimental work.

"Y. M. C. A. HAS FOUND ITS PLACE"

Captain Chester Longwell speaks before Sunday Sunset Club. "The Y. M. C. A. has found its place," declared Captain Chester Longwell, a former student in the University, when he spoke of the work of that organization in the war camps, before the Sunday Sunset Club yesterday afternoon. Captain Longwell is with the Field Artillery at Plattsburg, N. Y.

Captain Longwell said the Y. M. C. A. in this work, was performing its triple function of caring for the body, mind and spirit. In the large building which the Y. M. C. A. has provided, the 3,000 men at Plattsburg are finding many of the comforts which lighten camp life.

Captain Longwell spoke of the many places of historical interest near Camp Plattsburg. On Lake Champlain, on whose shores Plattsburg is located, was fought one of the naval battles of the Revolutionary War. Bennington, another point of interest, is not far away from the camp.

"The men are going about their work with earnestness and determination because they realize that they have a big job before them," continued the speaker. According to Captain Longwell, the time of the men is kept full of work. The men are required to learn in a few months what

the West Point students acquire in three or four years.

Dr. Sneed Into Medical Reserve Corps. Dr. C. M. Sneed, one of the Boone County physicians who volunteered for service when the Government recently made a call for the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps, took the examination for the corps in St. Louis Sunday. Doctor Sneed expects his commission in three or four weeks.

Tuesday Club Holds Regular Meeting. The Tuesday Club held its regular meeting at 2:30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. Mrs. T. M. Green of Christian College led the program on "The Music of Missouri."

National Livestock Market.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Dec. 11.—The livestock market for today was as follows:
HOGS: Receipts 11,000; market steady. Lights \$17.35@17.60. Pigs \$14.50@16.75. Mixed and butchers \$17.50@17.65. Good heavy \$17.55@17.75. Bulk \$17.35@17.65.
CATTLE: Receipts 8,500; market prospects lower. Native beef steers \$8.00@15.00. Yearling steers and heifers \$7.00@14.50. Cows \$5.00@11.00. Stockers and feeders \$6.50@11.00. Texas quarantine steers \$9.00@12.75. Prime Southern beef \$8.00@10.00. Beef cows and heifers \$7.50@10.00. Native calves \$5.75@14.75.
SHEEP: Receipts 800; market steady. Lambs \$13.00@16.85. Feces \$10.00@11.50. Withers \$11.00@12.50.
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SOCIETY NOTES

The members of the bridal party of Miss Helen Robnett, who will be married December 19 to Donald C. Fitch, will be: Mrs. J. M. Estes, a sister of Miss Robnett, matron of honor; Miss Emily Fitch of Kansas City, a sister of Mr. Fitch, maid of honor; Miss Glorietta Pixley of Kansas City and Miss Frances Mitchell of Columbia, bridesmaids; Ethel Barton Estes and Bernice McAlester, flower girls, and Sidney Robnett of St. Louis, ring bearer. The best man will be come to Columbia Tuesday from Baltimore, where he is a student at Johns Hopkins University. The ushers will be: Thomas Barclay, Lue C. Lozier, Edward Wright of Kansas City, Paul Shepard of Chicago, Lawrence Fitch and Overton Robnett.

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity will give a matinee dance at the chapter house Saturday afternoon.

Lester Penn, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Penn of Columbia, was married to Miss Ellen McCleary of Montgomery City, December 1. Mr. Penn was a student in the School of Journalism last year and is now with the Times-Democrat at Muskogee, Okla.

Invitations have been received in Columbia for the wedding of Miss Lucile Fink of Bloomfield, Mo., a former University student, and Lieutenant H. V. Ashley of Camp Funston. The ceremony will be performed at Kansas City.

The Sigma Chi fraternity gave a dinner party last night for Miss Stella Swope and Miss Rachel Whaley of Independence, Mrs. Charles Bartlett of Kansas City, Miss Mildred Bartlett, a student from Kansas City, and Clifford Frates of Springfield.

Lieutenant Curtis B. Rollins will be the guest of honor at a small family dinner party which Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Stephens will give tonight. Lieutenant Rollins will leave Friday for Camp Taylor at Louisville, Ky.

The Cotillion Club will give a dance tomorrow night in the ballroom of the Daniel Boone Tavern.

Miss Juliet Bowling will give a tea and knitting party Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss Helen Robnett. There will be about thirty guests.

Miss Frances Gray will give an informal party Saturday afternoon for Miss Helen Robnett, and that evening the Pi Beta Phi sorority, of which Miss Robnett is a member, will give a dinner for her.

Mrs. W. H. Pommer was hostess this afternoon to the members of the Music Club. There was a social hour after the regular musical program.

Captain Lloyd Jones and Miss Marjorie Jones will go to Louisiana, Mo., Saturday for a short visit to their sister, Miss Katherine Jones. Captain Jones is the guest of his parents, Dean and Mrs. J. C. Jones.

The sororities will give their regular series of pan-Hellenic dinners tonight.

William R. Gentry, Jr., who returned several months ago to Columbia after driving ambulances and army transports in France, went to St. Louis yesterday, where he applied for admission as a private in the machine gun corps of the Army. He is 29 years old.

FOOD WASTE MEANS GERMAN AID

Federal Administration Soon to Request Greater Sacrifices in Conservation.

The people of Missouri are soon to be asked to make greater sacrifices in the conservation of foodstuffs and in the elimination of all waste by the United States Food Administration, according to an announcement made today from the office of the Federal Food Administration for Missouri.

The increasing gravity of the food situation in Europe, the increased demands of the Allies for wheat, meats, fats and sugar, and the growing importance of foodstuffs in the pursuance of the war and ultimate success for the Allies are given as the reasons for the increased conservation measures which the people of the Nation will be asked to observe.

In order to give a clear understanding of what is to be done, a second "Home Card," such as the card distributed in the Family Food Enrollment Campaign of the administration, is to be distributed to every home in the nation during the first two weeks in January. In Missouri this distribution will be made through the county food administrators.

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